

Application Serial No. 10/670,159
Amendment dated February 26, 2007
Reply to Advisory Action mailed February 2, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 17, 20, 21-33 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16, 18-19 and 34-41 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims in a continuation application. Applicants have amended claim 24 to provide antecedent basis. Claims 17, 20 and 25-27 have been amended to depend from claim 24. The currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

I. Interview Summary

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the issues in this case.

A telephonic interview was held on January 24, 2007 with Examiner Horton and Heidi Dare. No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted. Independent claims 1, 3 and 16 were discussed. Dependent claims depending from allowable claim 24 were also discussed. No agreement was reached regarding the claims 1, 3 and 16. The Examiner agreed that claims originally dependent on claims 16 and 18 would be allowable if the dependency of these claims was changed to claim 24.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 24, 28-33 are allowable. Based on the interview with the Examiner, Applicants have changed the dependency of claims 17, 20, and 25-27 to depend from allowable claim 24. Therefore, claims 17, 20 and 25-27 are also in condition for allowance. Applicants also believe that claim 23 is still allowable, having been previously allowed in the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006, page 10 and in the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, page 14.

Application Serial No. 10/670,159
Amendment dated February 26, 2007
Reply to Advisory Action mailed February 2, 2007

SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment. In view of the amendments above and the interview with the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi A. Dare
Registration No. 50,775
Attorney for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 321-4200